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| 20. | HAVERI | 595.00 |
| 21. | BASAVAKALYAN | 750.00 |
| 22. | HUMNABAD | 190.00 |
| 23. | SIRAGUPPA | 110.00 |
| 24. | LINGASUGUR | 1300.00 |
| 25. | GULBARGA | 2100.00 |
| 26. | MUDHOL | 100.00 |
| 27. | RON | 200.00 |
| 28. | JAMKHANDI | 60.00 |
| 29. | SINDAGI | 610.00 |
| | | 7319.50 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 8604.29 |

**Review of Power situation in Southern States**

*399. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had convened a meetiing of the Chairmen, State Electricity Boards and the Power Secretaries of Southern States in April 1996 to review of power situation in those States and to review the functioning of those SEBs;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof;

(c) whether Government are contemplating similar action in other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S.VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Informal discussion were held by the Union Secretary (Power) with the concerned officials of the State Governments and the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) of the Southern Region at Bangalore on 20th April 1996 on the occasion of an all-India meeting convened by the Power Finance Corporation to discuss about its operations in the States. Since the Southern Region States were experiencing considerable power shortages at that point of time, the discussions concentrated on ways and means of improving the power availability in that region.

(c) and (d) From time to time officials of the Central Electricity Authority do attend the periodical meetings of various Regional Electricity Boards. Sometimes meetings are specifically convened by the Ministry of Power of State Governments/ SEBs of a particular region to discuss, inter-alia, the power supply situation in that region.

**Cash crunch faced by DWCRA in Andhra Pradesh**

*2400. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas, a highly successful programme meant for empowerment of women in right earnest, may soon be a casualty in Andhra Pradesh because of cash crunch;

(b) if so, whether despite the start of second quarter of 1996-97, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has not released any funds till date pertaining to both the first and the second quarters;

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to provide grant from Central funds to these schemes; and

(d) what is the latest position about this?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRAN NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has not so far released any funds for DWCRA programme pertaining to the current year. It is normal practice that the State Government releases its share of funds only after Government of India has released its share. Central assistance of Rs. 12.60 crores was released to the State on 8.7.1996 for formation of 10,000 groups in the State.